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REMARKS

Six claims (9, 17, and 19-22) have been canceled, six new claims (23-28) have been added, and claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10, 15, and 18 have been amended to leave twenty-one claims (1, 3-8, 10-16, 18, and 23-28) in the application. No new matter has been added by the amendments or new claims, wherein:

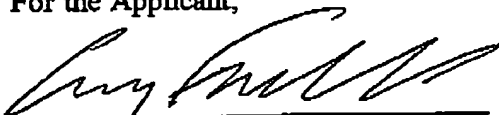
- *Independent claim 1* is amended to incorporate claim 9, which was indicated as allowable and now canceled, and thus claim 1 and its dependent claims 3-8 and 10-14 should be allowable.
- Claims 3-5 and 7 are amended to correct dependency and thereby obviate the §112(2) rejection.
- Claim 10 is amended to conform to the cancellation of claim 9.
- *Independent claim 15* is amended to incorporate claim 17, which was indicated as allowable and now canceled, and thus claim 15 and its dependent claims 16, 18, and 23 should be allowable.
- New claim 23, dependent from claim 18 (and ultimately dependent from claim 15), finds support in claim 7
- *New independent claim 24* incorporates claim 1 and claim 14 (which was indicated as allowable), and thus claim 24 and its dependent claims 25-27 should be allowable.
- New dependent claim 25 finds support in claim 3.
- New dependent claim 26 finds support in claim 4.
- New dependent claim 27 finds support in claims 7 and 9.
- New dependent claim 28 finds support in claim 9.

As per 37 CFR §1.116(b) and MPEP 714.12/714.13, the amendments place the case either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal, and thus are believed to be suitable for entry.

If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

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